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SUBJ/SUBJ/2015-16 ANNUAL INFLUENZA VACCINE GUIDANCE//

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NARR/REF A IS BUMED GUIDANCE FOR THE USE OF INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR THE 2015-2016 INFLUENZA SEASON. REF B IS BUMEDINST 6230.15A, IMMUNIZATIONS AND CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS. REF C IS THE CIVILIAN HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROGRAM OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES (CHAMPUS)/TRICARE INCLUSION OF RETAIL NETWORK PHARMACIES AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER TRICARE-COVERED VACCINES.//

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REMARKS/THIS IS A COORDINATED G4/FORCE SURGEON MSG.//

1. SITUATION. INFLUENZA (FLU) IS A HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS DISEASE THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ADVERSELY IMPACT FORCE READINESS AND MISSION EXECUTION. A TIMELY COMPREHENSIVE VACCINATION PROGRAM MUST BE ENFORCED BY LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE MARINE CORPS TO MITIGATE MISSION RISK. MAXIMUM AND EARLY FLU VACCINATION COMPLIANCE REDUCES SEVERITY OF DISEASE FOR THOSE PERSONNEL WHO BECOME EXPOSED TO THE VIRUS AND STRENGTHENS THE FORCE'S ABILITY TO LIMIT SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.//

2. MISSION. PROVIDE IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE TO ALL I MEF UNITS FOR THE 2015-16 MANDATORY ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM. PER REF A, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) FLU VACCINATION GOAL IS TO EXCEED 90 PERCENT IMMUNIZATION OF ALL ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE COMPONENT PERSONNEL BY 15 DECEMBER 2015, WITH 100 PERCENT COMPLIANCE BEING THE

DESIRED ENDSTATE.//

3. EXECUTION (VACCINE ADMINISTRATION).//

3.A. PER REFS A AND B, THE FLU VACCINATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL DOD UNIFORMED PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT MEDICALLY OR ADMINISTRATIVELY EXEMPT. ANY REFUSAL TO RECEIVE THE FLU VACCINE WILL CONSTITUTE A FAILURE TO OBEY A LAWFUL ORDER AND MAY BE PUNISHABLE UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE (UCMJ) AND/OR RESULT IN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION.//

3.B. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) VACCINE INFORMATION SHEETS MUST BE REVIEWED BY EACH MILITARY MEMBER PRIOR TO VACCINATION.//

3.C. FLU VACCINATION TRAINING SHALL BE COMPLETED AND DOCUMENTED BY ALL VACCINE ADMINSTRATORS (I.E. PROVIDERS/CORPSMEN). TRAINING CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DHA (FORMALLY MILVAX) AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

[HTTP://WWW.VACCINES.MIL/TRAINING/ONDEMAND](http://www.vaccines.mil/training/ondemand); OR,  
[WWW.VACCINES.MIL/FLU](http://www.vaccines.mil/flu).//

3.E. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. REF D PROVIDES GROUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR AVIATION PERSONNEL AFTER VACCINATIONS.//

3.E.1. PERSONNEL IN AN ACTIVE FLYING STATUS EXPOSED TO ALTITUDE CHANGES AS A ROUTINE PART OF THEIR DUTIES REQUIRE A 72-HOUR GROUNDING AFTER RECEIVING THE LIVE ATTENUATED INFLUENZA VACCINE (FLUMIST).//

3.E.2. PERSONNEL IN AN ACTIVE FLYING STATUS BUT NOT EXPOSED TO ALTITUDE CHANGES AS PART OF THEIR DUTIES, FOR EXAMPLE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AND UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM OPERATORS, ONLY REQUIRE A 12-HOUR GROUNDING AFTER RECEIVING THE FLUMIST.//

3.E.3. THE TRIVALENT INACTIVATED VACCINE (INJECTABLE) REQUIRES A 12-HOUR GROUNDING PERIOD FOR ALL PERSONNEL IN AN ACTIVE FLYING STATUS.//

3.F. ADVERSE REACTIONS. IN THE EVENT OF AN ADVERSE REACTION, MEMBERS SHALL REPORT TO MEDICAL FOR EVALUATION AND TREATMENT. PROVIDERS SHALL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORT. INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE FOUND AT THE VAERS.HHS.GOV WEBSITE WHICH IS ALSO REFERENCED WITHIN THE MRRS IMMUNIZATION REACTION SECTION.//

3.G. ALTERNATE VACCINATION OPTION.//

3.G.1. REF D ALLOWS TRICARE PRIME ENROLLED MEMBERS, WHICH INCLUDES ALL ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, TO USE TRICARE AUTHORIZED PHARMACIES TO RECEIVE THE SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE AS PART OF THEIR PHARMACY BENEFIT. NOTE: THERE SHOULD BE NO COST FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL OR OTHER TRICARE PRIME BENEFICIARIES TO USE THIS OPTION.//

3.G.2. PERSONNEL USING THIS OPTION MUST PROVIDE THEIR MRRS REPRESENTATIVE AND MEDICAL FACILITY DOCUMENTATION OF THE MANUFACTURER, TYPE (INJECTED OR NASAL), LOT NUMBER, AMOUNT (0.2ML OR 0.5ML), LOCATION GIVEN (RIGHT ARM, LEFT ARM, NOSE), AND DATE OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE VACCINE WITHIN 1 BUSINESS DAY FOR INCLUSION IN MRRS AND THEIR MEDICAL RECORD.//

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS.//

4.A. ADMIN - DOCUMENTATION.//

4.A.1. MEDICAL SCREENS. PRIOR TO VACCINATION, ALL PERSONNEL MUST BE SCREENED TO DETERMINE MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY OR EXEMPTION FOR FLU VACCINE. MEDICAL SCREENS MUST BE DOCUMENTED (TYPICALLY ON DD FORM

SF-600) AND ENTERED INTO EACH MEMBERS' HEALTH RECORD.//

4.A.2. VACCINATIONS. ALL VACCINATIONS SHALL BE DOCUMENTED ON A DD FORM SF-601 OR SF-2766, AND ENTERED INTO EACH SERVICE MEMBERS HEALTH RECORD.//

4.A.3. MRRS. PER REF C, THE MEDICAL READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (MRRS) SHALL BE USED TO RECORD VACCINATION DATA AND MONITOR INDIVIDUAL/UNIT COMPLIANCE. PRIOR TO CONDUCTING VACCINATIONS, PROVIDERS SHALL ENSURE MRRS IS ADJUSTED TO INDICATE THAT INFLUENZA VACCINE IS "REQUIRED" FOR ALL PERSONNEL TO ENSURE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PROGRAM. DELINQUENT PERSONNEL SHALL BE IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMAND AND DIRECTED TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. NOTE: MRRS PROVIDES UNITS AND MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS "DRILL-DOWN CAPABILITY" TO TRACK UNIT AND/OR INDIVIDUAL COMPLIANCE. IF A COMMAND DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO MRRS, CONTACT MESSAGE POCS FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.//

4.B. LOGISTICS - VACCINE PROCUREMENT.//

4.B.1. I MEF UNITS CAN OBTAIN VACCINE VIA THE NORMAL IMMUNIZATION SUPPLY CHAIN THROUGH THEIR MSC HSSE. EACH MSC HSSE SHALL SEND REQUESTS TO THE MEF FORCE SURGEON OFFICE FOR ENDORSEMENT AND COORDINATION OF VACCINE PROCUREMENT. POCS ARE: HM1 CARDONA OR MR. CORTEZ AT COMM: (760)725-9000/DSN: 365-9000; OR EMAIL: [IMEFHSSE@USMC.MIL](mailto:IMEFHSSE@USMC.MIL). NOTE: VACCINE AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED. UNITS SHOULD ENSURE THEY REQUEST SUFFICIENT VACCINE TO ACHIEVE 90 PERCENT COMPLIANCE BY 15 DEC 2015.//

4.B.2. I MEF UNITS THAT WILL DEPLOY WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE WILL HAVE TOP PRIORITY FOR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION. HOWEVER, UNITS MUST SUBMIT SEPARATE IMMUNIZATION REQUESTS FOR EACH ELEMENT (OR SMALL GROUP) OF PERSONNEL TO ENSURE VACCINE SUPPLY MEETS DEMAND. INDICATE DEPLOYMENT STATUS, NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED, AND DEPLOYMENT DATE IOT DETERMINE PRIORITY FOR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION.//

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. THIS GUIDANCE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON RELEASE UNTIL 1 JULY 2016.//

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